

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): [[A]] In a motor vehicle, a device for fastening cable to a base, wherein the base forms part of the motor vehicle, the device comprising:

a carrier part for holding the cable;

a first connecting unit comprising a sleeve connected to the carrier part; and

a second connecting unit comprising a guide part connected to the carrier part and a holding part releasably engageable with the guide part for connecting the carrier part to the motor vehicle base;

wherein the guide part includes an outer sleeve that defines a guide cavity for receiving the holding part, the guide cavity having a cross section that is longer in the longitudinal direction than in the transverse direction, the longitudinal direction and the transverse direction being orthogonal to one another;

wherein the holding part includes an inner sleeve having a smaller diameter than the diameter of the outer sleeve, the inner sleeve being inserted into the outer sleeve along the transverse direction of the outer sleeve for connecting the carrier part to the base, the inner sleeve including at least one engagement element that engages at least one engagement element on the outer sleeve to fasten the

cable to the carrier part;

wherein the inner sleeve is spaced from the outer sleeve in the longitudinal direction such that the inner sleeve is displaceable relative to the outer sleeve in the longitudinal direction when the inner sleeve is engaged with the outer sleeve.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 7 wherein the at least one engagement element on the inner sleeve comprises a plurality of engagement elements and the at least one engagement element on the outer sleeve comprises a plurality of engagement elements.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 8 wherein the engagement elements on the outer sleeve are formed by guide recesses that extend in the longitudinal direction and the engagement elements on the inner sleeve are formed by guide projections that extend in the longitudinal direction.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 9 wherein the guide projections are configured on walls of the guide part and the guide recesses are configured on walls of the holding part.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 10 wherein the guide projections exhibit a triangular cross section, whereby the leading edge of the projection is more steeply angled than the trailing edge of the projection during engagement with the inner sleeve.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 7 wherein the holding part surrounds a continuous holding channel and is configured with inward pointing latching lugs.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 7 wherein the first connecting unit further comprises a displaceable holding part releasably engageable with the sleeve, whereby the longitudinal direction of the holding part of the first connecting unit is parallel to the longitudinal direction of the holding part of the second connecting unit.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 7, wherein the holding part and guide part cooperate to adapt to positional and dimensional errors in the second connecting unit.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 7, wherein the carrier part comprises a U-shaped profile having an open end and a closed end for receiving the cable, the base covering the closed end to hold the cable.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 7, wherein the carrier part comprises an elongated cable channel for receiving the cable.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): [[A]] In a motor vehicle, a device for fastening a cable or a tube to a base part, wherein the base part forms part of the

motor vehicle, the device comprising:

a carrier part which defines a cable channel for receiving the cable or tube;

a first connecting unit comprising a sleeve connected to the carrier part; and

a second connecting unit comprising a guide part connected to the carrier part and a holding part releasably engageable with the guide part for connecting the carrier part to the motor vehicle base;

wherein the guide part includes an outer sleeve that defines a guide cavity for receiving the holding part, the guide cavity having a cross section that is longer in the longitudinal direction than in the transverse direction;

wherein the holding part includes an inner sleeve having a smaller diameter than the diameter of the outer sleeve and being inserted into the outer sleeve along the transverse direction, the inner sleeve including at least one engagement element that engages at least one engagement element on the outer sleeve for connecting the carrier part to the base and fastening the cable to the carrier part, the at least one engagement element on the outer sleeve extending in the longitudinal direction.